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SUBJ: HRD: CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORSHIP

1. STAFF OF HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION HAVE DESCRIBED SCHRIEBER (DIRECTOR) AS DEPRESSED SINCE HIS RETURN FROM THE UNGA. IT IS SAID THAT HE HAS EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT WALDHEIM WILL NOT EXTEND HIS CONTRACT BEYOND SEPTEMBER.
2. WHILE VAN BOVEN (NETHERLANDS) APPEARS TO BE FRONT RUNNER FOR SCHRIEBER'S POSITION, RUMORS IN GENEVA ARE THAT HE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE A SHOO-IN. APPARENTLY, WHILE ATTENDING THE UNGA AND AT VARIOUS OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS, VAN BOVEN PLAYED THE PART OF NEW DIRECTOR TO THE CHAGRIN OF SCHRIEBER. VAN BOVEN'S BEHAVIOR, IT IS RUMORED, WAS REPORTED TO WALDHEIM IN AN EFFORT TO HALT HIS APPOINTMENT.
3. THE CANADIANS ARE STILL STRONGLY RUNNING FOR THE POSITION AND, WHILE THEY FEEL THEY WILL GET LITTLE EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR THEIR CANDIDATE (MCDONALD), THEY ARE MAKING A BIG PUSH. MCDONALD WAS TO MEET WITH WALDHEIM DURING WEEK OF JANUARY 10. CANADIANS THINK THAT VAN BOVEN MAY HAVE LOST SUPPORT OF SOME WEO'S DURING 28TH SESSION OF SUB-

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COMMISSION WHEN HE YIELDED TO THE SOVIET EXPERT'S (SMIRNOV) FABRICATIONS REGARDING THE LATTER'S VOTE ON A RESOLUTION. IN THAT INSTANCE VAN BOVEN ABANDONNED BOTH THE U.S. AND UK EXPERTS. CANADIANS HOPE THIS INCIDENT WILL BE RECALLED AND ERODE SOME OF VAN BOVEN'S SUPPORT AND THUS GIVE THEIR CANDIDATE A BETTER CHANCE OF SECURING POSITION.CATTO

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